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man holding two offices, and especially of a man sitting as judge or litigant and judge, is not only one which is distasteful to the public, but against the spirit, and, indeed, the letter of our laws.

The Nation is filled with capable men who are not in the public service—men, too, who are as thoroughly familiar with public questions as the most distinguished members of congress—and it would look better if not more correct and legal in every way to choose treaty-making commissions from private life and leave the senate to free and unprejudiced action on such agreements as might be submitted to it.

THE SOUTH AND DEMOCRACY.

Whether it is a case of the Greeks bearing gifts, or advice honestly suggested, there is abundant force in the observation of the Washington Post that the "time has come for the South to assert and to assume its proper place in the democratic councils—that place being by right one of domination."

As the Washington paper remarks, for more than thirty years the South has modestly and contentedly sat below the rail. It has played the part of the poor relative at the banquet. From the war up to 1890 the Eastern democrats, who rarely carried the States and contributed but sparingly to the representation of the party in congress, were suffered to dictate platforms and policies. Principles were gradually obscured and expediency, designed to secure a few democratic victories here and there in the North, was substituted as the party policy.

Before 1890 this policy had begun to bear bitter fruit in the South. Thousands of old time democrats went off in the populist movement and democratic, even white, supremacy was endangered in several of the Southern States. At Chicago in 1890 the South, aided by the West, did indeed, "assert and assume its proper place in the democratic councils—that place being by right one of domination." But no sooner had this step been taken than the bulk of the Eastern democracy, to which the South had trickled so long, revolted and aided in placing the once common enemy in power. It was a poor return for the long time subservience and unquestioning fidelity of the South. But the disappointment and resentment of that wing of the democracy did not stop there—the hostility to Southern domination has broken out afresh and has but recently sought to depose Southern leaders and smother the issues of 1890 with a view to returning to the old policy of makeshift campaigns.

It is gratifying to learn from Washington, however, that this purpose, originating with a few ambitious would-be leaders in New York, has been correctly gauged by the representatives in congress from the South and will undoubtedly miscarry. If it has not already met with failure, the minority in congress will continue to act under a Southern leader and the democratic convention of 1900 will be dominated by the same sections and issues that wrested the power of party control in 1890 from the Eastern wing and transferred it where it properly belongs.

The South has not only asserted and assumed its proper place in democratic councils, but will continue to lead the party in announcing democratic principles and naming democratic tickets.

Today is "Organized Labor Day" on the festival programme, and The Post trusts it may prove one of the most enjoyable of the week. Houston, particularly, owes much to organized labor, and its citizens are always glad to honor labor in every way in their power. It is hoped that the representatives of labor will find the opportunity to be out in force and contribute to the gayety and enjoyment of the hour. Labor is the cornerstone of all achievement, and a festival typical of industry and production would be incomplete without a notable day devoted to the sons of toil.

Our next serious National problem is little Aguinaldo. The peace treaty forces this ambitious Filipino to shoot or give up his gun.

Colonel Hecker of army transportation notoriety and a great friend of Alger, told his little story to the war commission and course outlined how valuable his services had been to the Nation. As the worst scandal of the war related to Hecker's bureau, the war commission would have been reluctant to the purpose of its creation if it had not given Colonel Hecker a chance to spread his explanations and excuses on the record.